(c) At present, no such proposal is under consideration of this Ministry.

Bulk Exports

1060. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the commodities which are exported from India in bulk quantities; and

(b) the steps being taken to diversify India's foreign trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The principal commodities which are exported from India in bulk quantities include tea, coffee, tobacco, cashew kernels, oil cakes, spices, marine products, jute manufactures, iron ore, manganese ore, mica and mineral fuels & lubricants etc.

(b) The major steps taken in the recent past to expand and diversify India's foreign trade composition in terms of its export basket include setting up of separate export promotion councils for overseas construction and Electronics and computer software, formulation of schemes for project assistance for turn-key construction and consultancy projects, development of schemes for export of various items like Tea, Cashew, Spices, Marine products and Mica in value added form, and setting up of Design-cum-Development Centres for footwear, sports goods and Readymade garments. Similarly, a number of initiatives have been taken in the recent past to expand and diversify our export markets. These include bilateral agreements with several countries, organisation of exclusive Indian Exhibition and participation in general as well as commodity-specific International fairs and organisation of buyear-seller meets, etc.

Activities of Canadian Sikh Extremists in Pakistan

1061. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is Government's information about shouting of 'Khalistan' slogans and other objectionable activities by Canadian Sikh extremists at the Punja Sahib Gurudwara on the eve of Baisakhi in Pakistan in the presence of the Pak Minister of Religious Affairs and whether the issue has been taken up with Pakistan Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): While our Deputy Chief of Mission was being presented a 'Saropa' on the 14th April at the Punja Sahib Gurudwara in the presence amongst others of the Pakistan Minister for Religious Affairs, an effort was made by a Canadian Sikh to assault the Deputy Chief of Mission and pull off the 'Saropa'. The assailant and some others also raised pro-'Khalistan' and anti-Indian slogans. The Police authorities took no action and the assailant was only prevented from assaulting our Deputy Chief of Mission by our liaison officials and some Indian Sikh pilgrims.

This issue has been taken up with the Pakistan Government.

Detection of Explosives at the New Delhi Railway Station

1062. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigations have been conducted into the detection of large quantities of explosives at New Delhi Railway Station on the 15th April, 1987; if so, what are the results thereof; and

(b) whether Government suspect the involvement of terrorists in the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A Joint Team of the Delhi Police and the National Security Guard dismantled the device and found it to be an extremely dangerous bomb. A case u/s 4/5 Explosive Substances Act has been registered and the investigation taken up by the Crime Branch of the Delhi Police.

(b) Yes, Sir.

British Government's Proposal to make Wearing of Safety Helmets Compulsory

1063. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the resentment among 40,000 Sikhs in U.K. over the British Government's proposal to make the wearing of safety helmets compulsory for them also at construction sites; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up the matter with U.K. Government to exempt the Sikhs in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. The proposal is at the consultative stage and the concerned authorities are assessing the comments received by them from different sections of the Community.

(b) It would not be appropriate to take up the matter for the present.

Cancellation of Licences of Recruting Agencies

1064. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the labour recruiting agencies whose licences were cancelled during the last two years;

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps to ensure that the agencies which cheat labour of their money are forced to return the money; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A list of recruiting agencies whose certificates have been cancelled is enclosed. (*See* Statement below)

(b) and (c) Complaints of cheating and extortion against unregistered recruiting agents are referred to police. However, in respect of registered recruiting agencies, their bank guarantees can be forefeited to compensate the victims.

Statement

LIST OF RECRUITING AGENCIES WHOSE LICENCES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

S.No.	Name of the company
1	M/s Manpower Management Associates, Madras.
2	M/s Sharda Travels, New Delhi
3	M/s U.K. Marine International, Bombay.
4	M/s Nishath International, Hyderabad
5	M/s SRS Enterprises, New Delhi
6	M/s Blue Nile Travel & Tours (P) Ltd., Bombay.